

The Snyder Signal

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THE REVIVAL AT CITY AUDITORIUM

The Baptist revival meeting was held at the Park Auditorium last Sunday. Bro. Sims preached Sunday morning and night. Dr. J. C. Burkett came in Monday morning. The revival is under full way. Dr. Burkett does the preaching. Mr. J. M. Denson leads the choir service. Miss Willie Jo Sims presides at the piano and Pastor Sims keeps the chunks rounded up. Large congregations attend at night and the 10 o'clock services every day are well attended.

Prayer meetings are being held in the afternoons.

Dr. Burkett is an earnest, consecrated preacher, is forceful, plain and practical as a speaker and his sermons are interesting, instructive and full of the gospel spirit.

There were two conversions at the Wednesday night service and it is hoped the meeting may result in much good.

Just a Little Rain.

A very light sprinkle of rain amounting to three one-hundredths of an inch fell here Tuesday. It was a pretty good shower fell at Snyder. Then on Wednesday night there came here a shower that measured 11 one hundredths of an inch and we are hoping to get a good rain before the spell passes off.

Snyder School Matters.

The Signal is reliably informed that Prof. C. D. Ennes who had been elected Superintendent of the Snyder schools has gone to the war and will therefore not be our Superintendent. It is further learned that the school board have conditionally elected Prof. S. L. Hives for superintendent, the condition being that he gets off from his contract as principal at Sweetwater.

Mr. Hives has been principal of the Snyder High School and was elected some time ago to the principalship in Sweetwater. It will be known in a few days whether or not he accepts this place.

Milton Merrell in the Service.

Shirley and Mrs. W. A. Merrell have received announcement from their son, Milton, who volunteered in the Navy on August 2, to the effect that he was accepted in Dallas and immediately sent to Los Angeles, California for training. Milton is now stationed at San Pedro, California, where he is making good. The Signal joins his many friends in hoping he will be instrumental in eliminating the Kaiser.

Bullets in Navy.

Forest Sears, Boss Base, L. B. Jenkins, Tate Lockhart, and Munger Kamp applied to postmaster Barnes for enlistment in the navy. They were sent to El Paso and accepted. They were being examined when the order came to temporarily suspend enlistments. The boys were delighted with the trip and are now waiting for assignment to duty, with the exception of Boss Base who was sent to the training station.

WANTED MEMBER OF FEDERAL LOAN BOARD

At a meeting of the directors of the Snyder National Farm Loan Association last Friday, Mr. I. W. Boren was elected as a member of the local loan committee, succeeding W. M. Leonard, deceased.

Another Snyder Boy Overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McClinton received a card Monday from their son in law, William Frank Sears, saying he had landed safe in France. This is the first direct word from him in two months and the family were feeling anxious. He went over as a member of Infantry Division 141. Sears is now at Commerce, Tex.

It is believed now that the Germans will make a stubborn stand to the old Hindenburg battle line. The Germans think the driving methods are ended and both sides will get back to trench fighting. It is said that the Germans are demanding exactly what he started into drive to do.

PIONEER CITIZEN DEAD.

Judge Patterson Was a Great Moral and Material Force in the Building of Snyder.

The people of Snyder and Scurry county are made sad this week upon receiving news of the death of Judge H. B. Patterson, which occurred Tuesday at his home at Uvalde, Texas.

Judge Patterson was considered one of the best and truest men who ever lived here.

He was a man of honor in all things. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and was one of the main supports of that church while he lived here. He was truly a pioneer citizen of Scurry county and took a leading part in the promotion of all public enterprises.

He helped in the organization of the county in the early 80's and was the first county and district clerk, serving fourteen years in that capacity and was then elected county judge and held that office for six years. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Snyder and was its first cashier. About ten years ago he assisted in establishing the First State Bank & Trust Co. of Snyder and was the first president of that institution.

About five years ago he sold his banking interests and other property here and moved with his family to Uvalde to engage in ranch business and has been successful in that line.

REGISTRATION UPON EXTENSION OF PRESENT DRAFT

The following statement has been issued by the Governor:

"To all City, County and State officers, and County and City Councils of National Defense.

"Official advice that the legislation extending the present draft ages will be enacted by Congress at an early date. According to plans of the Administration, immediately upon enactment of the new law and after issuance by the President of the required proclamation the registration will be effected. It cannot be ascertained at the present time with exact certainty just what ages will be rendered subject to registration and draft, but it is safely assumed that a very large number of men, probably equal to or greater than the number of men required to register on June 5, 1917, will be called upon to stand in readiness to discharge the obligation of allegiance, and that the day of registration will be early in September.

"The Local Boards will have immediate direction and supervision of the registration within their respective jurisdictions. The actual registration will be made in the customary voting precincts in the jurisdiction of each Local Board.

"The registration of the large number of men contemplated and their being properly classified and made available for military service to carry out the program mapped out by the War Department for the successful prosecution of the war demands that thoroughly detailed and extensive preparation be made at once in order that the work will be performed promptly and completely on the day set. The president has requested us through Provost Marshal General to make the preliminary arrangements necessary to put into immediate and effective operation the machinery of registration when the President's proclamation can be published. Instructions outlining the procedure will be distributed to the Local Boards as soon as possible. There is much work to be done, but with the experience which we have gained our labors will be greatly lightened.

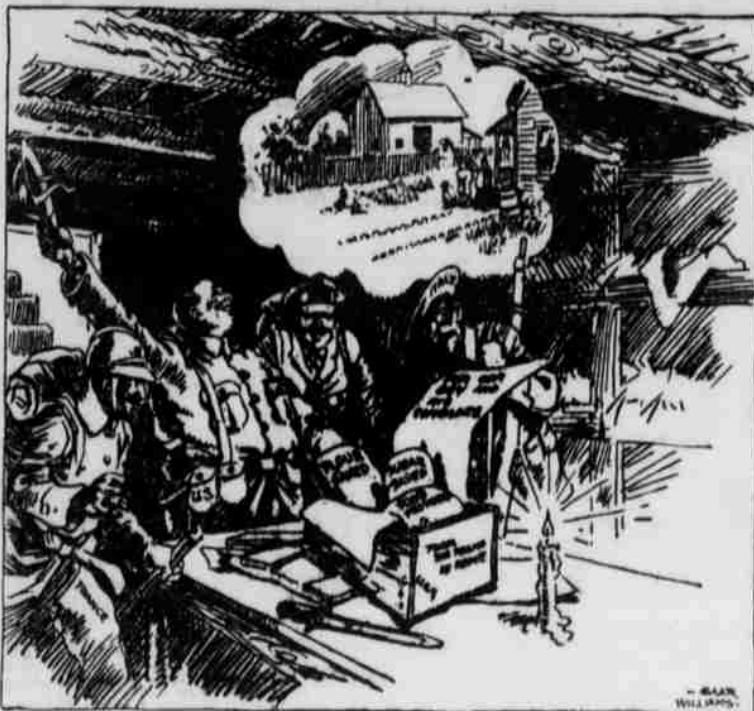
"The patriotic fervor with which you as well as the other representative citizens of this State answered the call when Prussianism first challenged our National rights convinces me that it will be unnecessary to do more than place the matter before you in order to enlist your best efforts in the work.

"Therefore, I am calling upon every City, County and State officer, every county, and City Council of National Defense, every Committee on Public Safety, every public spirited organization, and every similar agency to communicate to the Local Board in its locality their readiness to assist them in performing the work.

"W. P. HOBBY,
Governor."

August 5th, 1918.

A BOX FROM HOME



Drawn by Oscar Williams, Division of Pictorial Publicity.

Food savings of millions of Americans during our first year of war enabled this government to send enormous food shipments abroad for our fighting forces and the Allied nations. Our savings in cereals—out of a short crop—amounted to 154,900,000 bushels; all of which was shipped to Europe. We increased our meat and fat shipments 844,600,000 pounds. This was America's "box from home" to our army abroad and the civilians and military forces of the Allied nations.

SNYDER ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS



What Red Cross Has Done.

Stanley Storer, director of Military Relief for the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross, in a report just made public states that in six months' time the American Red Cross has expended \$2,285,314.46 for relief in the military camps and centers in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The report shows 376,214 sweaters, 239,629 pairs of socks, and 21,844 blankets were distributed to the soldiers. In all 1,956,352 articles were distributed. The remainder of the money was expended for camp buildings including convalescent houses.

LOCAL RED CROSS AT WORK

The Red Cross women are busy all the time and they have done and are still doing a great work. There were about a dozen women at the work room Wednesday evening and every one busy. They had great stacks of finished garments for the soldier boys and they were packing two regulation size boxes which were sent away Thursday morning and still the work goes on. Various needed articles are being made and sent forward.

In the two big boxes sent this week, there were: Bed shirts 146, Pa jama suits 182, Extra pants 4 pairs, Red Socks 2 pairs, Pillow cases 2 pairs.

The demands for supplies will continue to increase as more of our men cross over and go to the front. It is considered certain now that the war will go on for at least another year and America will probably have contributed five million men to the cause. It is also expected that as the winter season comes the open field fighting will be stopped for awhile and the armies will go back to trench life. Living and fighting in the trenches will expose our men to extreme hardships and disease conditions, and they will

need good clothing and food and the people at home must supply these things.

The government has approved agencies for collecting and forwarding supplies. There is no grafting, no profiteering. The supplies that we furnish go where needed. The thing for us to do is: Make the clothing, furnish the goods, supply the means for food, clothing, medicine and care. The commissioners will do the rest. Hundreds of our women are on the job and more are needed, and furthermore everyman in the country ought to feel the responsibility of doing his best.

There are opportunities for us all to work and slackers should not be tolerated.

SNYDER COUPLE HAVE RELATIVES IN WAR WORK IN N. Y.

D. W. Cooke, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Meador of Snyder, has been appointed and installed as fuel administrator for the State of New York. Mr. Meador has shown the Signal a newspaper clipping and a photo of Mr. Cooke, who is now on the job. We have before us, also a photo of Chauncey B. Cooke, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Meador.

This young man went to France early last year and while driving an ambulance was severely gassed by the Germans in October and again in December. His condition was extremely serious. He was nursed back to life in the Red Cross hospital in Paris and at the base hospital and when able to travel he sailed for his home in New York, arriving May 3, 1918. He will never be a well man again, but has recovered health and strength to such extent that he has re-entered the service.

While in France and Belgium he witnessed much of German cruelty. He has seen little children who had been maltreated by German barbarians, with hands, feet and fingers cut off and there were thousands of revolting sights that came under his observation.

Young Cooke may never again be able to make a full hand in punishing the Germans, but he will be there to do whatever he can.

Marriage Permits Issued.

Aug. 10, T. W. Watson and Miss Beula L. Whitehead.

Aug. 10, F. N. Holding and Miss Edna Burton.

The school trustees at Hixon have sold some of their Liberty Loan bonds to Scurry county to get funds with which to pay off some of their community obligations.

FEDSTUFF MOVING TO TEXAS UNDER LOW RATES

Washington, Aug. 12.—Quantities of feedstuffs for live stock began today to move to the drought stricken areas of Western Texas under especially low rates, established by the Railroad Administration for that emergency. These rates, ranging from 10 to 40 per cent below published tariffs, were provided as a government means of saving live stock in the dry area.

Commissioners At Work.

Regular August term is being held this week with a full court present. W. H. Adamson, county judge.

D. F. Wilson, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

B. F. Dargitz, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

J. M. Cuthbertson, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

J. L. Patterson, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Delinquent tax on 2 acres of land in section 119 abstract 2113 canceled because of error in assessment.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the highway fund for \$79.33 to balance due to E. & H. Co., on county tractor.

Ordered that the voting place in precinct No. 4, be changed from Conro school house to Turner school house.

The court ordered the purchase from Hixon school trustees represented by H. C. Taylor of seven bonds of the Third Liberty loan, amounting to \$700 and accrued interest.

The special school tax in district 31 was declared 5 votes for tax and 3 against.

J. W. Huddleston is allowed \$10 per month to pay for caring for one Jim Caruthers, a paralytic invalid.

Several items of delinquent taxes have been cancelled because of errors in rendering.

GERMANS QUARREL OVER WHO BROUGHT U. S. INTO WAR

Washington, Aug. 13.—Violent controversies are raging in Germany as a result of the second Marne battle between the Liberals and Pan-Germans, over the question of who is responsible for America's entrance into the war. A dispatch from Switzerland today says both sides are refusing to accept responsibility for American intervention.

The Liberals are accusing the Pan-Germans of having provoked the unrestricted submarine warfare. The latter protest and affirm that no matter what the cause, America's entrance into the war was certain.

OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SCURRY COUNTY

The oil situation seems to be developing slowly, but surely, and one day you will find the nuggets in high spirits, the next not so high, however, there has not the least intimations of an exhibit of the white feather on the part of the promoters.

The most difficult problem we are up against is to get the right kind of a drilling contract, and it now begins to look as though private capital will have to get the field out of the "wild cat" stage.

The existing conditions prevail in all new fields. There are so many new oil sections big corporations use influence to prevent immediate development until it is forced upon them. This action is due to the fact that policy demands the holding back on opening new territory.

It is understood, though, that every effort will be brought to bear to open the Scurry county field at once.

Men who are in a position to know are firmly convinced that this section of the country contains a great pool of oil. The main plan now is to locate it.

The fact that there is considerable activity in the Lease Exchange demonstrates that people are interested throughout the United States.

Letters of inquiry are received by the Snyder Oil Lease Exchange every day, either asking for lists of leases and prices or listing land to be leased. Various and sundry prices are placed on the mineral rights and later on publicity will be given to these activities.

Some interesting articles may be expected in next week's Signal.

Oil News.

Guy Casper says he has a sister in Callahan county who bought a piece of land about a year ago and the other day sold the mineral rights for about what she paid for the land. This is real oil news.

C. W. Hanley of the Gulf Production Co., with headquarters at Calcutta, was here this week, ordered the Signal sent to his house and says that Scurry county oil prospects look good to him.

New Treatment for Lung Disease.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The cause of emphysema, the disease of the lungs which assumed the proportions of an epidemic in the training camps and cantonments last winter with a large number of deaths, has been ascertained and the best methods of treatment established, Surgeon General Gorman announced today. The new treatment consists of removing the fluid formed in the lungs by aspiration.

Breaking Land for Wheat.

Mr. W. P. Bertram of Ladonia who purchased the J. R. Work farm some while ago, eight miles east of Snyder, is here with a big Avery traction engine size 1225 and is having his farm plowed for wheat. Carol Green has charge of the machine.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET

At the recent meeting of the state democratic executive committee held in Fort Worth Hon. W. Polindexter of Cleburne, the Texas member of the National Democratic committee tendered his resignation and O. S. Carlton was elected to fill the vacancy. At the same meeting Mr. Huddleston, who ran second for railroad commissioner announced that he will not contest in a runoff primary for the nomination. That leaves C. E. Gilmore the undisputed nominee for that office.

The committee named for temporary chairman of the State convention at Waco, Mrs. Minnie Pifer Cunningham of Galveston. Judge Pierson decides to withdraw from a runoff for Judge of Criminal Court of Appeals, leaving the nomination to O. S. Lattimore.

Burn in Snyder, Aug. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Trussell, a boy.

Just a little bit of rain helps to boost up our spirits.